

# **Luella Cotton collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Cotton, Luella, 1903-1994
<b>Title</b>	Luella Cotton collection
<b>Date</b>	1954-1974
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 Cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Luella Cotton collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Louella Goodhart Cotton was born March 31, 1903 in Orrville, Ohio to Ulysses and Orinda Jane Goodhart. She met and married the Rev. J. Harry Cotton (1898-1982) while attending Wooster College and they had two daughters. Cotton was active in the Democratic Party while living in Crawfordsville, Indiana in the 1950s and 1960s and was the first woman in the state to serve as county chair for the party. She also served as Vice-Chairman of the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee and Chairman of the Women's Division. Cotton was the first woman to serve as principal clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives and she also served as secretary of the state Senate. She passed away at the age of 91 in Rydal Park, Pennsylvania.

### Sources:

Drill, Herb, and Bill Price. "Louella G. Cotton, Active in Politics." Philly.com. Last modified November 10, 1994. Accessed September 10, 2015. [http://articles.philly.com/1994-11-10/news/25867904\\_1\\_lansdowne-polio-patients-nursing](http://articles.philly.com/1994-11-10/news/25867904_1_lansdowne-polio-patients-nursing).

"Luella Cotton." *Crawfordsville Journal Review* November 4, 1994, 2A.

"Welsh Bestows 'Sagamore' Title on Louella Cotton." *Crawfordsville Journal Review* December 17, 1964, 1.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes letters, papers, news clippings, tickets and programs ranging from 1955 to 1970 regarding Luella Cotton's Democratic Party political activities. She received correspondence from across Indiana from fellow Democrats serving on county and state committees and from individuals working for the Democratic National Committee. The collection includes Cotton's correspondence with Indiana state politicians Larry Conrad, S. Hugh Dillin, Marie Lauck, Jack H. Mankin, Albert A. Steinwedel, and Matthew Welsh. She corresponded with Indiana's members of Congress Birch Bayh, Jr., John Brademas, Vance Hartke, and Andrew Jacobs, Jr. and with other Democratic leaders including Hubert H. Humphrey, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon B. Johnson. Other letters of note received by Cotton are from Pauline Gore, wife of Albert Gore Sr., William H. Hays Jr., and Lester Hunt of the *Indianapolis Star* newspaper.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. Luella Cotton on 1979/01/02.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/09/16 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2015/09/16 by Laura Eliason.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Democratic National Committee (U.S.).
- Democratic Party (Ind.) State Convention.
- Democratic Party (Ind.).
- Indiana. General Assembly. House of Representatives.
- Indiana. General Assembly. Senate.

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence
- Programs
- Tickets

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Montgomery County (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Bayh, Birch, 1928-
- Brademas, John, 1927-
- Conrad, Larry Allyn, 1935-1990
- Dillin, S. Hugh (Samuel Hugh), 1914-
- Gore, Pauline La Fon
- Hartke, Vance, 1919-2003
- Hays, Will H. (Will Harrison), 1915-
- Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978
- Hunt, Lester M., 1894-1962
- Jacobs, Andrew, Jr., 1932-2013
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
- Lauck, Marie Theresa
- Mankin, Jack H.
- Steinwedel, Albert A.
- Welsh, Matthew E. (Matthew Empson), 1912-1995

### **Subject(s)**

- Badges
- Campaign literature

- Clippings
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Invitation cards
- Newspaper articles
- Politicians--United States--20th century
- Presidential elections

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Invitations, admission tickets and programs, 1956-1960	1	1
Presidential Inaugural activities, 1960-1961	1	2
Presidential Inaugural activities, 1961-1965	1	3
Indiana Democratic Editorial Association annual meeting, 1961	1	4
Indiana Democratic Party Victory Celebration program, 1961	1	5
Democratic Party newsletters and press releases, 1958-1961	1	6
Luella Cotton Democratic Party activity papers, 1954-1967	1	7
Luella Cotton news clippings, 1957-1964	1	8
Luella Cotton correspondence, 1955-1960	1	9
Luella Cotton correspondence, 1961-1971	1	10
Democratic conference programs, 1955-1961	1	11
Democratic National Convention and election buttons/badges, 1956-1962	1	12



Democratic National Convention alternate badges, 1956-1960	1	13
Montgomery County, Indiana political papers, 1955-1959	2	1
Montgomery County, Indiana Democratic Central Committee correspondence, 1954-1960	2	2
Montgomery County, Indiana Democratic Central Committee correspondence, 1966	2	3
Luella Cotton vs. Gilber Ogles court papers, 1960-1961	2	4
Larry Conrad Secretary of State campaign correspondence, 1970	2	5
Birch Bayh U.S. Senate campaign papers, 1968-1974	2	6
Luella Cotton Indiana House of Representatives papers, 1959	2	7
Luella Cotton Indiana House of Representative news clippings, 1959	2	8
Luella Cotton Indiana Senate papers, 1965-1966	2	9